



The Matins service provides a rhythm of contemplation that helps unlock the mystery and beauty of Scripture. As the words of ancient hymns and psalms wash over us, we are immersed in the presence of the Holy Spirit, allowing God more fully into our lives. Through this encounter, Jesus becomes more deeply known to us, and we are gradually shaped into the people God intended us to be.

Preparation:

The service begins with a call to acknowledge how we have strayed from God and to receive the assurance of His gracious forgiveness. Having confessed our failings and accepted His mercy, we are prepared to receive the love of God.

Announcements:

This is an opportunity to give thanks to God, share in the joys of the Christian faith, hear the wisdom of Scripture, and affirm the beliefs that unite us as Christians.

Prayers:

Through prayer, we bring before God our faith, our thanksgiving, our need for peace, and our concerns for every aspect of life. We pray both for ourselves and for others, seeking God's guidance, strength, and blessing in the world.

Today's Gospel Reading questions to reflect on

*Workin' in a coal mine, Goin' down, down, down
Five o'clock in the mornin', I'm already up and gone
Lord, I'm so tired, How long can this go on?.....*

Today's Gospel reading includes the phrase "the last will be first and the first will be last"

- Have you ever felt like someone received a reward they did not earn?
- How do you feel when someone has God's blessings?
- Can compassion rob us of Joy and exhaust us?
- Would lives change in our communities if this grace was embraced today?
- Does the reading encourage us to consider those on the edge of life, seemingly unimportant?
- Why does this reading start with "For the Kingdom of Heaven is like"?

Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit and Father God: the words we use to describe God; Our spiritual creator and life giver. When we recognise and give Glory to God through Faith, we are free.